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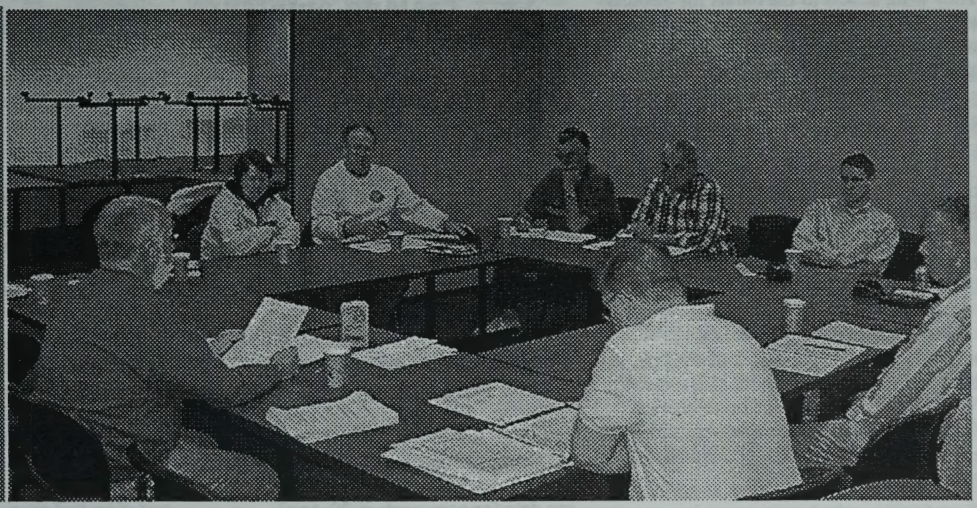


Retooling Meeting Members April 22, Clay Freinwald, Nancy & Mark Mckibbin, Ken Rau, Al Burelson, Herman Entz, Bob Lewis, Mark McClain, Jon Marcinko and Pete Kruml

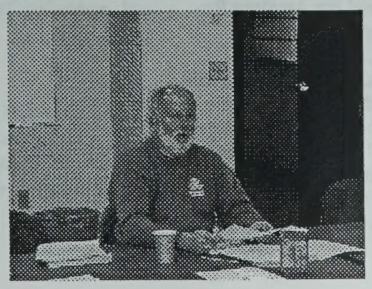
Retooling Meetings Continue

Entercom continues to play host the WWARA retooling meetings. The committee met on April 22, and again on May 6th to continue the process of reviewing the Associations Bylaws and Coordination Policies. Emphasis continues to be on ensuring that the WWARA remains an open organization which encourages participation from all amateurs in the coordination process as well as focusing on the process of coordination.

The recent D'Wanna Terry letter has rocked the coordination community with it's sweeping interpretation of what constitutes a coordinator and who can be a coordinator. The WWARA wanting to remain a leader in the coordination community is one of the first coordination associations to start a self review process.

The meetings have been open to anyone who has an interest in coordination and who is willing to participate. The attendance at the meetings has been dropping. The May 6th meeting boasted a total of 6 WWARA members including Pete Kruml, Al Burelson, Clay Freinwald, Ken Rau, Nancy and Mark McKibbin.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2000 at 6pm at the Entercom building on Eastlake in Seattle. If you would like to be part of the process please contact Clay Freinwald for details. His number can be found on the back page. See you there!



Retooling Committee Chairman Clay Freinwald - K7CR

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A big win for the City of Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles has been granted an experimental license to run air-to-ground video downlinks in the 2402 to 2448 MHz band. The City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles as well as several other communities in California and Nevada have made such applications. They want access to the bands for airborne video surveillance of criminal activities, wildfires and other emergencies. Most have also stated their willingness to continue sharing the spectrum with Amateur Radio and other users.

The American Radio Relay League has opposed the plan. In the past the League has even refused to meet with community leaders to discuss the idea. When the matter was brought to the FCC the ARRL filed opposition.

But it appears as if the needs of the many outweighed the wants of the few, at least in the eyes of the FCC. It has issued VVB2XEN to the City of Los Angeles. Other licenses to adjacent communities are expected to follow in the not-todistant future.—*Newsline*

Two killed installing antenna

Two tower workers in North Carolina are dead after falling 60 feet while trying to erect an antenna tower in heavy winds. Radio News reports that Chester Smith and Steven English fell to their deaths when a wind gust toppled a radio tower they were building.

According to a sheriff's detective, Smith, English and four other radio enthusiasts were building the tower

as a birthday present for a local ham operator. The detective said the other men were hoisting a section of tower to Smith and English atop the partially assembled tower when a wind gust broke the suspended section, which caused the tower the men were standing on to fall. —*Radio News, Newsline*

Disputes don't belong on the air

The FCC has told a pair of amateurs to stop feuding on the air. It did so in a letter to Steven Tunder, N8WGM, of Freepoint, Ohio and Roger Wiseman, KC8JBO, of Glendale, West Virginia.

Hollingsworth's letter to Tunder and Wiseman advises both Hams to review Section 97.1 of the Amateur Radio Service rules. It also tells them to make certain that whatever disputes may exist are not carried over to Amateur Radio frequencies.—*FCC, Newsline*

New Zealand amateurs to lose most of 70 cm band

New Zealand telecommunications regulators have decided to sell off, or at least reallocate a good part of the 70 centimeter Amateur band—a loss of 9 MHz of the 70 cm band.

Currently this portion of the band is used for ATV repeaters input, with output at 615 MHz (ch 39).

As Scott ZL1UVVQsaid in a packet bulletin, This is a serious threat to our bands!"

A series of meetings have already been held on the topic as the Government's closing date for comments is 20 April.

ZL amateurs, led by Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, are currently working on the NZART submission opposing the Ministry's proposals.

If New Zealand telecommunications regulators are successful in making this reallocation it could wind up setting a precedent throughout Oceanana— and possibly worldwide.—*Q-News, Newsline*

"Captain Truth" nailed by FCC

The FCC has zeroed in on a Newton, North Carolina, Extra Class licensee as a prime suspect in its Captain Truth" investigation into unidentified Amateur Radio transmissions and malicious interference.

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth wrote John M. Yount, K4QIJ, on 29 March, citing FCC and other close-in monitoring evidence to indicate that Yount's station was the source of "malicious interference and jamming" on 20 and 75 meters. "Radio direction finding bearings have led to your residence and antenna at 225 N Gate Road in Newton," Hollingsworth told Yount. The FCC said part of its monitoring evidenc resulted from work done by the FCC's High-Frequency Direction Finding facility in Columbia, Maryland.

"Our evidence indicates that you have made unidentified transmissions, transmissions identified by the call sign 'K40KA' as well as 'Captain Truth,' 'Captain Sod' and numerous derivatives thereof," Hollingsworth wrote.

The call sign K4OKA is assigned to John A. "Al" Abernethy of Hickory, North Carolina. Abernethy last year lost his HF privileges for six months following an FCC inspection visit to his station in early 1999 and complaints of deliberate interference.

The FCC said evidence in the "Captain Truth" case indicated that the malicious interference and jamming occurred at various times since March 1999—as recently as 24 March of this year.

In his letter, Hollingsworth posed a series of questions to Yount. He asked the licensee if he had ever identified transmissions by the term "Captain Truth" or as "K40KA," or "Captain Sod." He also asked Yount what other terms or call signs he has used to identify his transmissions and if he had ever made any unidentified transmissions from his station. For any answer in the affirmative, Hollingsworth requested that Yount supply the frequencies and circumstances involved.

Hollingsworth gave Yount 30 days to provide a written response and said the information provided would be used to determine what action to take in the case. Failure to respond, he told Yount, would result in the designation of his Amateur Radio license for a revocation and suspension hearing before an administrative law judge.

Hollingsworth also told Yount contact him by telephone to discuss the matter further. The ARRL Audio News is at www.arrl.org.—*FCC, ARRL, Newsline*

April 1, 2000 General Meeting Minutes

The April 1st, General Meeting was held at the Seattle Times facility in Bothell. Chairman Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: Pete Kruml- N7KFJ, Al Burleson- K7HW, Herman Entz- K7PAG, Ed Bruette- N7NVP, Rob Simonson, WA7ROB, Pete Policani- K7PP, Steven Mayes- KA7PMC, Peter Dahl, WA7FUS, Mike Hill, N7NFY, Stephen Pruss, KB7WKK, Mark McKibbin- WR7V, Nancy McKibbin- KB7BJE, Don Martin, N7LXC, Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, Mark McClain- N6OBY, and Clay Freinwald, K7CR.

The minutes from the February 3rd, Board Meeting were approved. The Treasurer distributed copies of the current financial report. A question was raised about the amount listed under the Inventory Asset heading, (for Repeater Directories). The Treasurer was asked to look into this and provide clarification.

ADJACENT AREAS:
IACC: Nothing reported for this period.
B.C.: Nothing reported for this period.
ORRC: Band Chairs have reported a lack of response from ORRC and Carl Di Paolo when making inquiries about adjacent area co-channel activity, as well as repeater coordination activity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
TECHNICAL-
Steve Mayes- KA7PMC, reported he has coverage prediction plots for the 147.26 repeater on Naneum Ridge using directional antennas. Steve will contact Doug Rider to confirm the current coordination holder, and attempt to contact to submit a recommendation.

6/10 Meters- Board actions: None.
Other/Pending: 53.43 (Bainbridge Is.) Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, is still in a construction phase.

2 Meters- Board actions: None.
Other: 145.31 (Redmond) Ron Verschuyl- K7AAE, Testing as of 3/1; 147.28 (Mt Octopus) Pete Policani-K7PP, Testing as of 3/23.

220- Board actions: None.

440- Board actions: 443.875 (Haystack Rock) Mike Hill- N7NFY, The Board approved coordination. 443.375 (Seattle) Steven O'Kelly- N7IO, The Board approved coordination.
Other: A discussion took place regarding the growing number of applications that have been pending for 6-12 months due to construction delays, waiting for testing to start, or lack of communication on the current status. Letters will be sent to applicants that fall into this category.

900/1.2- Board actions: None.
Other: 927.600 (University Place) Rob Lee- K7TGU, Authorization to test given by the Band Chair.

OLD BUSINESS:
Financial Review: The Financial Review Committee decided to hold the review after the Re-Tooling meeting on 5/22. The committee consists of Ed Bruette- N7NVP, as Committee Chair, Bob Lewis- KC7TGA, member at large, Nancy McKibbin- KB7BJE, Mark McKibbin- WR7V, and Mark McClain- N6OBY, current Secretary/Treasurer.

SNP use/Jefferson County complaint: Jon Marcinko- WR7JM, will draft a letter for review by Friday, to the parties involved with the complaint from Jefferson County, regarding the use of SNP pairs with links. Pete Kruml- N7KFJ, Al Burleson- K7HW, and Ed Bruette- N7NVP, will work on a draft to revise the current Policy for SNP use.

2000 Repeater Directory: Mark McKibbin- WR7V, will produce a checklist of the items required to produce the directory. Mark McClain- N6OBY, will contact Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH regarding an agreement to support the swapping of WWARA and ORRC database info.

Re-Tooling effort: Proposed changes to be completed and printed in the August Coordinator. Drastic changes in the charter, mission, and operation of the WWARA are expected, along with the overhauling of the existing By-Laws and Policies. Clay Freinwald- K7CR, is heading the "Re-Tooling" process up. Additionally, Clay is working on a draft proposal to change the way we run meetings, and better defining the roles of Committee Chairs and Board positions. The next Re-Tooling meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at 9:00am, at 1820 Eastlake Ave.

NEW BUSINESS:
The NFCB has been successful in scheduling a meeting with the FCC. It appears that most of the NFCB will attend. Representatives from the FCC will include D'Wanna Terry, Riley Hollingsworth, and Bill Cross. Mark McKibbin moved that the WWARA support Clay's travel expenses to the May 17th meeting to be held in Wa DC. The motion was approved.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2000 at 7:00pm, at the Edmonds Park and Recreation Building, 700 Main St, Room 113, Edmonds.

Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY.

Correspondence Log

Date	*Activity*
03/10/2000	Check for Dues and RD from Jeff Withers, W3GE
03/12/2000	Dues from Lower Columbia ARA, W7DG
03/21/2000	Email from Pete Policani, K7PP
03/22/2000	Check for RD from Bruce Klanke, K7IDX
03/23/2000	Email from/to George Brooks, N7HPE
03/25/2000	Email from Pete Policani, K7PP
03/28/2000	Email to Bob Heselberg K7MXE
	Dues from Terry Dummler, WQ7A
	Email from Jim Boora, KD7FBT
03/29/2000	Email to/from Jim Boora, KD7FBT
03/30/2000	Email to Ron Ohnhaus, K0BQ
	Email to/from Bob Heselberg K7MXE
04/01/2000	TD's and Fees from Robert Simonson, WA7ROB
	Check for RD's from Stehen Pruss, KB7WKK
	Dues from Peter Dahl, WA7FUS
	Dues from Robert Simonson, WA7ROB
04/04/2000	Check from ARRL for Repeater Directory entries
	Correspondence from Patrick Nicholson, N7WGR
	TD and Fee from Carter Powell, W7IAG
	Check for Dues and RD's from Chuck Metz, W5RFL
	Check for Dues and RD from Rick Hyde, N7EHP
	Check for RF's from WWRA/Ron Ohnhaus, K0BQ
04/16/2000	Email from Nick Sutton, N7QOR
04/17/2000	Email from Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
04/19/2000	Email from Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
04/20/2000	Email from/to Dave Swartz, KC7RRH
	Email to Bill Kelsey, W6QC
	Email and correspondence to Nick Sutton, N7QOR
04/21/2000	Email to/from Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
	Email to Carl Di Paolo, W7EXH
04/23/2000	Email from/to Evan Burroughs, N7IFJ
04/25/2000	Online Renewal Form from Arne Skoog, WA7WKT
	Email from/to Evan Burroughs, N7IFJ
04/28/2000	Check for RF and Dues from Arne Skoog, WA7WKT
	TD's, Fees, and Dues from Pete Policani, K7PP
04/30/2000	Email from Mark McClain, N6OBY

(RF= Renewal Fee, RD= Repeater Directory, TD= Technical Data Sheet)

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Clay's Korner

By Clay Freinwald - C7CR

Whats going on with the WWARA? If you have been tuned in the last month or so you are aware that a group of folks, Officers and Members of the WWARA have been meeting to determine the extent of change that this organization should consider to bring the association into full compliance with the most recent FCC letters dealing with Amateur Radio Coordination. I felt, in light of the critical nature of these meetings, that you should receive an update direct from the 'horses mouth' (I was appointed to lead this effort).

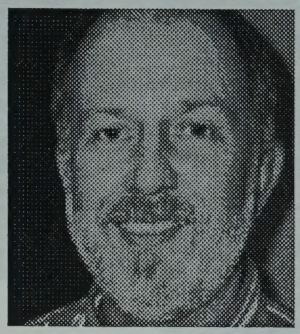
I am happy to report that the committee has been reviewing the Associations Bylaws and Coordination Policies

and has come up with a number of changes that will, in my view, make these documents not only more acceptable to the FCC but to you as well.

It seems that the more we dig into the Bylaws and Coordination Policies the more many of us on the Committee have come to feel that we need to go well beyond simply making them more FCC compliant. Some of us feel that this is the time to address other issues. Mark, our able Secretary'Treasurer has aptly called this group the 're-tooling' committee for this appears to be the direction that we are going...re-tooling the WWARA to function much better.

Please understand that I cannot speak for everyone on the committee, for I'm sure that there are those that feel that we are rocking the boat. For me I feel that we are a critical point in this process as we discuss making what I feel are substantial improvements in the way the WWARA operates. The goals of many appear to be the same...improve the associations processes, create checks and balances, enhance credibility, make the process more open to all amateurs and in the process make the WWARA more able to withstand and deal with the challenges down the road.

I cannot give you any specifics at this time as the Committee has not yet finished its work. I can tell you that the work of the 'Re-tooling' group will be presented to you in the Coordinator so that you will have an opportunity to examine, in detail, the changes that we will be proposing. Finally, you will have a chance to actually vote on these changes at the summer General Business Meeting. I want to underscore the critical nature of these changes, as you know I have been actively involved with Amateur Coordination work on a national scale for a number of years now and this insight tells me that the WWARA can only maintain its leadership role by looking forward and equipping itself for the tasks that lay before us....without these new tools I am very afraid that the WWARA will not only loose some of its critical components but will find the road ahead increasingly more difficult.



Clay Freinwald K7CR

There are many that have given many hours of their time dealing with these issues, please join me in thanking those that have been participating in this process, they, like me, want only the best for this organization that has served Western Washington since 1976

On another subject

As I write this, I am making plans to join the other members of the NFCC Board (The NFCB) in Washington DC on May 17th as we set down with officials of the FCC to discuss Amateur Frequency Coordination. I pray that this meeting can help establish a much better working relationship with the Commission and the coordinators nationwide. I'll be reporting on the outcome of this meeting here in the Coordinator and and Iook forward to sharing with you the details of this encounter at our next meeting.

Meeting Notice

The next WWARA Board meeting will be June 1, 2000 at 7 pm at the Edmonds Recreation and Parks building in Edmonds. The building is loacated on Main Street.

All WWARA members and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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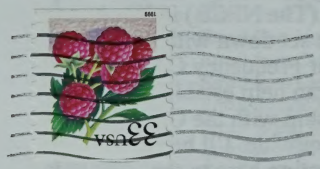

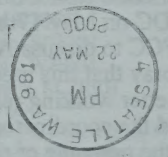

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